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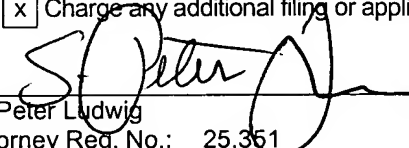
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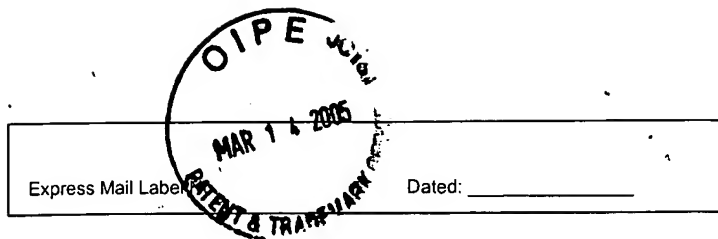
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Applicant(s): Akihiro Okubo et al.					
Invention: RESIN-COATED SAND					
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2004 (Paper No. 20041210), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.